

Clean Water It is the Law!!

The City of Imperial Beach is regulated by storm water discharge permit issued to us by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. This permit is a legal mandate that requires us, the City, to prevent storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable. Our City's Municipal Code, **Section 8.30 "Urban Runoff Management and Discharge Control"** mirrors this permit and holds everyone accountable for preventing pollutants from being discharged into the storm drain system.

We Need Everyone's Help

We ask and strongly encourage you to educate your neighbors, friends and family members about storm water pollution prevention. Preventing pollutants from entering our rivers, bay and ocean will require every citizen to follow the simple pollution prevention tips presented in this brochure. Keeping our rivers, bay and ocean clean will take a concerted effort by every citizen in our community and we appreciate your help.

For any questions and/or inquiries about our Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program or to report a storm water violation please call the Environmental Programs office at

619-424-4095 or 619-423-8311.



Storm Water Hotline:

(619) 424-4095

City of Imperial Beach

Public Works Department

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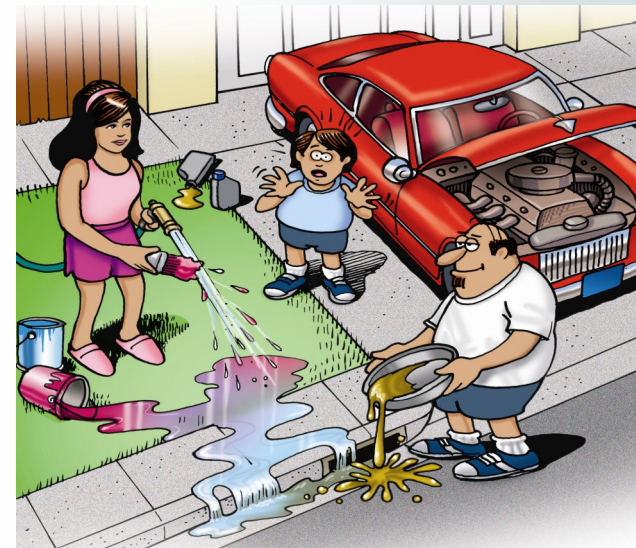
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STORM WATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

Prevention Tips for Residents



**ONLY RAIN IN THE
STORM DRAIN!**

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What is Storm Water Pollution?

Storm water pollution occurs when anything other than rain water enters the storm drain system and flows directly into water bodies.

POLLUTANTS

Landscaping Waste Household cleaners
Trash and debris Pet waste
Auto Fluids Soap and detergents

Flow into

STORM DRAIN SYSTEM

Driveways Sidewalks
Streets Gutters
Storm Related
drain pipes connections

Empty into

WATER BODIES

Pacific Ocean Tijuana Estuary
San Diego Bay Tijuana River
Otay River

Resulting in

STORM WATER POLLUTION

What Can You Do?

CARING FOR YOUR CAR

1. When you wash your car at home, wash your car on a pervious layer like your yard; use biodegradable soap and water sparingly.
2. Support our Storm Water Program by washing your vehicle at commercial car washes that recycle water and/or discharge into the sanitary sewer.
3. Don't pour used oil or any other fluids onto the ground or into storm drains.
4. Regularly inspect and maintain your car to prevent leaks of oil, antifreeze and other fluids, and tune up your car regularly to reduce emissions.

IN YOUR HOME

1. Whenever possible, use safer substitutes instead of hazardous cleaning products and use only what you need.
2. Contain outside work areas, such as painting areas, where spills might occur by using drop cloths and wash painting equipment in your sink or toilet and never on your yard, driveway or sidewalk.
3. Use kitty litter or other absorbent material to clean up spills and dispose of it as hazardous waste.
4. Recycle when possible.

5. Dispose of household hazardous wastes at our designated facility in Chula Vista. Call **619-691-5122** for further information.

IN YOUR YARD

1. Follow directions and use only what you need when using pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Use environmentally safer alternatives such as soapy water and traps to control ants rather than using chemicals.
2. Use a broom to sweep lawn debris and recycle appropriate items in your green waste bin. Never hose down these pollutants onto your sidewalk or into the street.
3. Do not over water your lawn. Excess water will wash pollutants from your yard and into the streets and storm drains.
4. Clean up after your pet and flush waste down the toilet or place it in the trash. Take a disposable litterbag with you when you take your pet for a walk.
5. Pick up litter and debris and always contain them by keeping lids on bins as rainwater can wash away these pollutants if left uncovered.
6. Keep the gutter in front of your house clear pollutants that could pollute storm water or impede flow.